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boys themselves are trusted with authority. according to their good behavior, under the title of Freres aines, that is, elder broth-ers; and this principle of making the colo-nists govern themselves, as far as may be, runs in many ways through the establishment. Military orders prevails. The boys rise, dress, kneel for prayer, fold their hammocks, march silently to breakfast and to work, and so again at evening stretch their ocks, fold their clothes neatly and lie

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est is the roll of honor on which the colo-nist's name is inscribed after three months of excellent conduct, in which he has re-ceived not a single punishment. Once on this roll, says M. Blanchard, the present di-rector, the boy is saved, for almost never is a name, once inscribed, crased, and, if crased, it is by vote of his fellow members of the roll. After four successive enrollments—that is, of course, after a year of absolutely exemplary conduct—a badge or order is given to be worn as a sign of distinction and confidence. Various privileges go with the position on the roll of honor (for example, from this the elder brothers of the family are chosen, and finally the liberty of the colonist. For no boy is sent to Mettray on a time sentence, but to be cured, and there he stays under moral treatment until healed in his soul.

OCCUPATIONS TAUGHT AT METTRAY. The occupations at Mettray are both mental and manual. The common branches of education are taught. Also music, and the director records that not only is much proficiency made in this art, and with great subsequent usefulness to those who enter the army, because they are often received into the military bands, but also that it is a great healing power, and that sometime the first step or sign of a young colonist in a good direction will date from his music lessons. Agriculture is the main pursuit, and one of the chief reliances of M. De Metz the Agricultural Colony of Mettray. many, very many, manual trades are also taught, and special provision is made for boys who come from seaport towns and have a taste for maritime life. They are instructed in sailor's duties, and practiced in the evolutions by means of a model of a three masted ship, which is rigged in the

Mettray may be said to stand securely on three points of support—lirst, the separation into families with a house-father and all the moral influences going therewith; secondly, thorough instruction and occupation, chiefly in agriculture. The third I have now to speak of, namely, what the authorities call patronage; that is to say, their per-jetual care of their liberated colonists to the end of life. De Metz declared that Mettray was a paternal society, veritably paternal, and that therefore its colonists should be followed with a father's care per-

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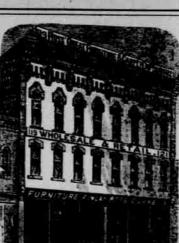
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